Problems with the Arduino installation on LInux

esptool cannot find pyserial

esptool is a Python application using the serial port (COMx on Windows, ttyUSBx on Linux, etc.) to upload the compiled code to the microcontroller's flash memory. In some cases pyserial is not installed or not found.

Workaround: sudo apt install pip3 pip3 install pyserial

Try to upload the code from the Arduino IDE to the esp32. It will call esptool in the background. It should work now.

ttyUSBx device is not avaliable

The reason is that the CH340 usb-to-serial driver collides with the preinstalled Braille interface driver brltty. You can check this driver registration problem with sudo dmesg -w Plug in and unplug the board. You will see that the usb-to-serial driver is unloaded in the end.

Workaround: Several. If you do not need a Braille interface the easiest would be to deinstall the full driver support by sudo apt remove brltty

The Linux user is not allowed to use the ttyUSBx interface

Solution: Add the resepective Linux user to the user group dialout: sudo usermod -g ...

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